

Stinger

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“May your path never meet a stinger... unless you're the one writing its story.”
—A popular saying among members of the [School of the Cat](#)

A **stinger** (or **stingeress**, depending on gender) is a type of cursed one (sometimes considered it's on sub-classification/type of monsters, like the night-terror subgroup in the necrophages classification) that originates from an individual subjected to torture, usually through the use of stinging or venomous animals—particularly insects such as bees, wasps, or bumblebees. Its name derives precisely from the method by which it is created: the systematic use of stinging creatures as instruments of torment. While other variants of stingers do exist—emerging from torture methods not involving animals—they are considerably less common.

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Origin

Unlike most curses, in which an external spellcaster imposes corruption upon the victim, the case of the stinger presents a singular dynamic. It is the individual themselves who, in an act of desperation and extreme fury during their torture, casts a curse upon themselves shortly before death or in the moments preceding the onset of a coma. This curse, born from a desire for vengeance, acts as the catalyst for their transformation.

Thus, after death or loss of consciousness, the individual is reborn as a cursed one: the stinger, driven by a purpose of violent retribution against their torturers.

In the absence of the original torturers—whether due to death or inaccessibility—the curse may divert toward substitute targets. These victims may be associates of the perpetrators, or even individuals who share symbolic or circumstantial traits with them. This phenomenon results in an erratic and disproportionate pattern of aggression, characteristic of a curse born from overwhelming suffering.

Appearance

The cursed ones known as stingers don't possess a fixed morphology, as its appearance depends in part on the type of creature or method used in its torment. Nevertheless, there are common traits that allow for its identification:

- A body bearing the appearance of having recently endured torture,

Danger Level	High but varied (depending on the type of stinger)
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Ecology

Lifespan	Indefinitive
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Intelligence	Human-like though incapable of reasoning due to how the curse works
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Nature	Aggressive
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Range	World
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Habitat	Depends on the type of stinger
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Diet	None, but one could consider that the suffering of others is a symbolic diet for them
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Prey	Those who wronged them
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Predators	Witchers
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including visible bruises, lacerations, and signs of restraint.

- A head frequently covered with sacks or hoods, with bindings visible around the torso and limbs.
- A tall, gaunt build, with disproportionate limbs—especially elongated and deformed fingers.
- Elongated, sharpened, and extremely resistant nails able to cause lesser injuries as well to parry attacks from swords without being destroyed.
- Additionally, every stinger possesses the ability to summon or manipulate the same animals with which it was tortured, or alternatively to employ abilities that mirror the method of suffering in cases where no living creatures were involved.

Lifting the Curse

The curse that gives rise to a stinger is deeply rooted in the pain and injustice the individual has suffered, and as such, reversing it requires the fulfillment of three essential conditions:

- Identification of the individual's final words before their transformation, as these often contain the key to the curse.
- Conclusive proof that justice has been served regarding the wrongs they endured.
- Performance of an act opposed to the torture, allowing the stinger to experience some form of physical (if still alive), or emotional/spiritual (if deceased) reparation. The symbolic or literal nature of the act depends on the stinger's state prior to transformation.

If the stinger has died, it is also essential to carry out a proper burial, in accordance with their beliefs or with basic dignity. Failing to do so may provoke the monster to rise again in a state of offense.

Combat

All stingers possess fragile bodies, incapable of withstanding even the minimal pressure a human could endure. The only exception lies in their fingernails — elongated and hardened — which are the most resistant part of their anatomy. Because of this structural weakness, stingers compensate with considerable size, speed, agility, and ranged abilities.

Although their attacks are initially minor, the wounds inflicted accumulate quickly through successive strikes, often resulting in death by blood loss or physical collapse after suffering numerous shallow cuts in rapid succession.

Death

Killing a stinger is not particularly difficult: like other cursed ones, they are vulnerable to cursed oil and silver blades coated in it.

In combat, it is recommended to use [Signs](#) such as [Igny](#) or [Aard](#), due to their elemental weaknesses. [Aard](#) is especially effective given the fragility of their bodies. [Quen](#) and [Vintyr](#) are also useful — the former for defending against ranged attacks, and the latter for freezing either the stinger or its projectiles, thus exploiting their structural weakness in cases where they show resistance to fire or acid.

Other signs, depending on the type of stinger faced, may also prove effective:

- [Aceta](#): its acidic stream can tear through the flesh of many stingers, making close combat far more manageable.
- [Volun](#): its electrical discharge stuns most stingers for longer than [Aard](#), granting a tactical edge that can mean the difference between life and death.

Types of Stingers

Stingers can be classified according to the animal or method of torture that gave rise to their curse. Some notable examples include:

- [Scorched](#): Exposed to water combined with electric discharges from animals such as eels or rays.
- [Caerull](#): Derived from the word *blue* in the Scholar's Tongue. As the name suggests, these stingers have undergone the torture of full drowning.
- [Corruptor](#): Force-fed rotting meat contaminated with prions.
- [Drained](#): Subjected to the systematic application of leeches and other blood-feeding parasites.
- [Dehydrated](#): Tortured through extreme deprivation of water or exposure to high temperatures.
- [Boned](#): Partially drowned and progressively consumed by aquatic

carnivorous animals, such as piranhas.

- Devourer King: Victim of prolonged attacks by colonies of insects like red ants (not to be confused by the monster of similar name, the devourer)
- Piercer: Tortured with spined animals such as hedgehogs or porcupines.
- Flea-ridden: Afflicted by infestations of fleas or other small parasites.
- Turbulent: driven into a state of extreme anxiety through sensory deprivation, isolation, and constant threats, ultimately dying from cardiac arrest.
- Pack Leader: Devoured alive by groups of medium to large animals.
- Infector: Exposed to necrotic fungal spores.
- Enlightened: Subjected to intense light, fire, and persistent reflections as a method of disorientation, sensory deprivation, and physical harm.
- Hiver: Tortured through the use of bees.
- Swarm Mother: Subjected to systematic attacks by swarms of wasps.
- **Stinger**: Tortured by colonies of bumblebees. This is the first documented variant, and the one from which the entire sub-category/group takes its name.
- Father (or Mother) of the Winter: Tortured through prolonged exposure to extremely low temperatures.
- Spring Guardian: Tortured through death caused (usually) by a severe allergic reaction to pollen, a substance commonly associated with the season that gives this variant its name.
- Autumn Child: Tortured through prolonged exposure to autumn weather and starvation. The result is a being capable of killing entire hectares of plant life and spreading initially harmless plagues that later become deadly.
- Lord or Lady of Summer: Tortured through prolonged exposure to the sun, usually ultimately dying of heatstroke. If the individual perished in this way, their cursed form may possess ranged attacks capable of inflicting permanent brain damage. The most harmless in appearance — yet among the most dangerous.

Some Notable Stingers

- Ben Drowned: The tale of a boy, bullied and tormented by the other children of his village for being a half-elf, until they eventually killed him by drowning him. He was reborn as a Caerull and went on to haunt the local population for decades, eventually becoming something of a “deity” to whom sacrificial

offerings were made every ten years. He is infamous for the phrase: *"You've met with a terrible fate, haven't you?"*

- The Flickerman: A Turbulent stinger, infamous for having been whipped to death during his torture. Upon returning through the curse, he turned those very whips into instruments of torment, using them to shatter his victims in more than just the physical sense.
- The Drowned Man: A Boned stinger who became infamous for the sheer brutality of his actions. His legend was eventually immortalized in a poem, from which the following verse stands out, capturing his nature perfectly:

Swollen are the corpse's features,

Blue and hideous in death.

Did a miserable creature

Choose to choke his sinful breath,

Did the river seize a sailor,

Drown a youth in drunken fit?

Did a band of ruthless robbers

Slay a merchant slow of wit?

Gallery

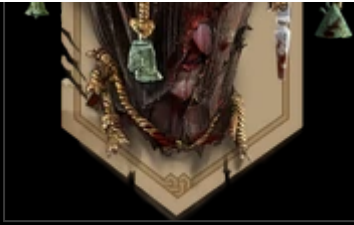


A stinger trophy



A hiver trophy





A Swarm Mother trophy

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